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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARED PROTECTION IN AN OPTICAL
TRANSPORT NETWORK RING BASED ON THE ODU MANAGEMENT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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